

'Fairness in Farm and Food Policy' Amendment Offers Oregon Net Gain of \$133 million

Washington, D.C. – Today Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), who has led the fight to reform the 2007 Farm Bill, announced today that EVERY district in Oregon would benefit from a Farm Bill that protects the environment, does more for farmers, and costs less. The 'Fairness in Farm and Food Policy' amendment, introduced Tuesday by Reps. Blumenauer, Ron Kind (D-WI), Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Jeff Flake (R-AZ), means that the state would have a net gain of more than \$133 million over the current Farm Bill, according to numbers provided by Environmental Defense.

"This is great news for Oregon, great news for farmers, and great news for those of us who have worked so hard for reform," said Congressman Blumenauer. "The Farm Bill proposed by the Agriculture Committee, which contains reforms more in name than in substance, is a direct threat to the majority of America's farmers and ranchers. These numbers show that if Congress does what is best for farmers and the land, we will see true benefits across the state of Oregon and across the country."

According to Environmental Defense, every district in Oregon would gain from the 'Fairness in Farm and Food Policy' amendment, with net gains as follows:

- David Wu (\$26 million)
- Earl Blumenauer (\$23 million)
- Peter A. DeFazio (\$43 million)
- Darlene Hooley (\$39 million)
- Greg Walden (\$2 million)

To learn more about other individual congressional districts you can go to: http://www.environmentaldefense.org/documents/6656_Fairness%20Amendment%20District%20by%20District%20Analysis.xls

Congressman Blumenauer is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Budget Committee and Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.